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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

Applicants: Skuriat et al.
Serial No.: 09/540,648
Filed: March 31, 2000
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MEASURING TRADE MANAGEMENT
PERFORMANCE
Examiner: S. Shih
Art Unit: 3624

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 23, 2004

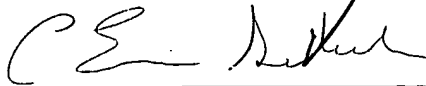
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-8 and 10, drawn to systems and methods of providing a measure of performance of participants to a trade management process.

Applicants make all elections without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition, and Applicants respectfully request a favorable examination. To answer any questions, or otherwise further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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